WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for operating a voice-supported system in a motor vehicle, the system including at least one microphone, at least one loudspeaker, and a bandpass filter arranged between the microphone and the loudspeaker, comprising:

determining a power of the signal as a function of frequency; and

adjusting the bandpass filter at least one of as a function of at least one local maximum of the power of the signal as a function of the frequency and as a function of a derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency.

- 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the voice-supported system includes at least one of a communications device, an intercom device, a two-way intercom device, and a duplex telephony device.
- 3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining the local maximum of the power of the signal as a function of the derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency.
- 4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining the local maximum of the power of the signal as a function of a first derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency.
- 5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising: forming a slope signal from a first derivative of the power of the signal with respect to the frequency having a first binary value when the first derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency is greater than or equal to zero and a second binary value when the first derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency is less than zero; and

determining the local maximum of the power of the signal as a function of a first derivative of the slope signal.

- 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step as a function of a first derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency.
- 7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising forming a slope signal having a first binary value when a first derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency is greater than or equal to zero and a second binary value when the first derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency is less than zero, the bandpass filter adjusted in the adjusting step as a function of the slope signal.
- 8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step as a function of a first derivative of the slope signal.
- 9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining all local maxima in one frequency range.
- 10. The method according to claim 9, further comprising determining a global maximum in the frequency range.
- 11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio at least of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal at additional frequencies of the signal is greater than a feedback-power threshold.
- 12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a

portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio at least of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal at additional frequencies of the signal is greater than a feedback-power threshold for longer than a time-ratio-threshold.

- 13. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum plus the power of the signal at frequencies of the signal adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal at additional frequencies of the signal is greater than a feedback-power threshold.
- 14. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum plus the power of the signal at frequencies of the signal adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal at additional frequencies of the signal is greater than a feedback-power threshold for longer than a time-ratio-threshold.
- 15. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum plus the power of the signal at a frequency of the signal that is directly adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum and at which the power is greater than at a frequency that is also directly adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the

signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal at additional frequencies of the signal is greater than a feedback-power threshold.

- 16. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum plus the power of the signal at a frequency of the signal that is directly adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum and at which the power is greater than at a frequency that is also directly adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal at additional frequencies of the signal is greater than a feedback-power threshold for longer than a time-ratio-threshold.
- 17. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum plus the power of the signal at a frequency of the signal that is directly adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum and at which the power is greater than at a frequency that is also directly adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal of all further frequencies of the signal is greater than a feedback-power threshold.
- 18. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum plus the power of the signal at a frequency of the signal that is directly adjacent to the

frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum and at which the power is greater than at a frequency that is also directly adjacent to the frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal of all additional frequencies of the signal is greater than a feedback-power threshold for longer than a time-ratio-threshold.

- 19. The method according to claim 11, further comprising determining the feedback-power threshold as a function of an output signal of the bandpass filter.
- 20. The method according to claim 11, wherein the feedback-power threshold is between 20 and 50.
- 21. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal at further frequencies at which the power of the signal includes a local maximum is greater than a power threshold.
- 22. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step to block a portion of the signal at a notch frequency only when a ratio of the power of the signal at a frequency at which the power of the signal is a maximum to an average value of the power of the signal at all further frequencies at which the power of the signal includes a local maximum is greater than a power threshold.
- 23. The method according to claim 21, wherein the power threshold is one of between 20 and 50 and between 30 and 40.

- 24. The method according to claim 22, wherein the power threshold is one of between 20 and 50 and between 30 and 40.
- 25. The method according to claim 1, wherein the bandpass filter is adjusted in the adjusting step as a function of an output signal.
- 26. A device for operating a voice-enhancement system, comprising:
 - at least one microphone;
- at least one loudspeaker configured to reproduce a signal generated by the microphone;
- a bandpass filter arranged between the microphone and the loudspeaker; and

decision logic configured to adjust the bandpass filter at least one of as a function of at least one local maximum of a power of the signal as a function of frequency and as a function of a derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency.

- 27. The device according to claim 26, wherein the bandpass filter includes a filter bank having at least one notch filter.
- 28. The device according to claim 26, further comprising an arrangement configured to determine the power of the signal as a function of frequency.
- 29. A device for operating a voice-enhancement system, comprising:
 - at least one microphone;
- at least one loudspeaker configured to reproduce a signal generated by the microphone;
- a bandpass filter arranged between the microphone and the loudspeaker;
- an arrangement configured to determine a power of the signal as a function of frequency; and

an arrangement configured to adjust the bandpass filter at least one of as a function of at least one local maximum of the power of the signal as a function of the frequency and as a function of a derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency.

- 30. A device for operating a voice-enhancement system, comprising:
 - at least one microphone;
- at least one loudspeaker for reproducing a signal generated by the microphone;
- a bandpass filter arranged between the microphone and the loudspeaker;

means for determining a power of the signal as a function of frequency; and

means for adjusting the bandpass filter at least one of as a function of at least one local maximum of the power of the signal as a function of the frequency and as a function of a derivative of the power of the signal with respect to frequency.